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INTERNATIONAL CONFLICTS & NEGOTIATIONS



A Special Academic Seminar and Simulation

MAY 14-28, 2006

Application Early Deadline
February 1, 2006
(guaranteed space)

Application Regular Deadline
April 30, 2006

Limited Space - Apply Early
Only 40 students admitted

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Imagine yourself sitting in a room with officials from the U.S. State Department Office on Cuban Affairs, and then visiting the Cuban Interests Section in Washington to hear the Cuban government's perspective. Picture yourself meeting with U.S. government officials, African and European diplomats to discuss what can be done to stop the massive human rights violations in Sudan's western Darfur region. Participate in discussions with policymakers and scholars from the American Enterprise Institute and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace as they debate the U.S. position on the Iraq War and strategies in the global war against terrorism.

At The Washington Center's **International Conflicts & Negotiations Seminar**, you will learn about the causes of conflicts in the Middle East, Africa, and Cuba directly from those involved with these issues. You will examine the ideological, religious, economic, ethnic, racial and political divisions between and within nations in conflict—and the methods used to resolve them. When do negotiations succeed in preventing or stopping violent

international disputes, and when do they fail? When are economic sanctions effective in changing nations' behavior, and when is military force necessary?

During the first week of the seminar, students will focus on International Terrorism and the human rights disaster in Darfur. Then on "International Career Day" they will learn about careers in diplomacy, international law, human rights, and international economics from professionals in these fields. Week Two will be devoted to Cuba, including an intensive series of lectures and a two-day simulation where "delegates" will negotiate Cuba's future after the mock death of Fidel Castro. The lessons of conflict resolution are useful in almost any arena, and one of the best ways to learn them is through hands-on experience negotiating a contentious issue like the 55-year U.S.-Cuban conflict.

Seminar Extras will include a five-course dinner at Marrakesh, Washington, D.C.'s most famous Middle Eastern restaurant, and dinner at a well-known Cuban restaurant.



Ambassador Dennis Ross with Seminar Director Andrea Barron and program participants.



Aviva Raz Shechter, Minister-Counselor for Public and Academic Affairs, with students at the Israeli Embassy.



Rafi Dajani from the American Task Force of Palestine with students.

THE MIDDLE EAST, THE DARFUR CRISIS AND INTERNATIONAL CAREERS Week One: May 14-21

International Terrorism - How have religious extremism, U.S. policies, and the lack of democracy and economic development contributed to terrorism and anti-American sentiment in the Muslim world? How long should U.S. troops remain in Iraq? Students will examine these and other questions by interacting with top authorities from the Defense and State Departments and Middle East embassies.

The Darfur Crisis - What has caused the crisis in Darfur, where over 200,000 people have been killed and more than two million left homeless in one of today's greatest humanitarian disasters? Program

participants will be briefed by U.S., European and African experts on what the atrocities in Sudan and what needs to be done to stop the suffering.

International Career Day - Students will meet State Department officials, diplomats, international lawyers and representatives from the World Bank, human rights groups and international development organizations to learn about careers in international affairs.

CUBA SEMINAR AND SIMULATION Week Two: May 21-28

Seminar on U.S. Cuban Policy - Students will be immersed in the debate surrounding U.S. Policy toward Cuba. They will visit the Cuban Interests Section in Washington and meet a leader of the

Cuban American National Foundation, the most powerful organization representing Cuban-Americans. They will learn why some Members of Congress support the ban on Americans traveling to Cuba and why others want to eliminate it.

International Conference on Cuba - Students will participate in a simulated international conference which will begin with the mock death of Fidel Castro. Students will be divided into delegations representing the Cuban Government, the Cuban dissident community, the European Union and Canada, the OAS, the State Department, and U.S. citizens who want to end the embargo. They will negotiate an agreement on the type of government Cuba will have after Castro's death, relations between the U.S. and Cuba, and the roles of the OAS and the EU in the new political environment.

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QUESTIONS TO BE ADDRESSED BY INTERNATIONAL CONFLICTS & NEGOTIATIONS SEMINAR WILL INCLUDE:

- Is the Iraq war helping to combat international terrorism, or is it further alienating the Muslim world from the West and breeding a new generation of terrorists?
- What are the results of the Bush Administration's campaign to promote democracy in the Islamic world?
- Why did the international community fail to prevent the genocide in Rwanda?
- Does the U.S., have an obligation to stop the atrocities being committed by Sudanese paramilitary forces in Darfur?
- What are the objectives of the U.S. embargo against Cuba and how successful has it been?
- Why does the State Department classify Cuba as a state sponsor of international terrorism?
- What do Cuban dissidents and human rights organizations say about human rights and political freedom in Cuba?
- How has the Cuban exile community influenced U.S. policy toward Cuba?

PREVIOUS SPEAKERS AT THE WASHINGTON CENTER'S INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SEMINARS

Ambassador Dennis Ross, former chief negotiator at Israeli-Palestinian peace talks under the first Bush and Clinton Administrations.

David Greene, Deputy Director, Office of Israel and Palestinian Affairs, US Department of State

Samer Dabbas, First Secretary, Congressional and Political Affairs, Embassy of Jordan.

Anatol Lieven, Senior Researcher, New America Foundation

Michael Herzog, Brigadier General, Israel Defense Forces, and negotiator at Camp David summit

Patrick Clawson, Deputy Research Director, the Washington Institute for Near East Policy

Reuel Marc Gerecht, The American Enterprise Institute

Alaa Youssef, Political Counselor, Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt

Amjad Atallah, Former Advisor to the PLO Negotiations Affairs Department

Marina Ottaway, Senior Associate, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

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For more information, contact Andrea Barron
at 202-336-7556 (AndreaB@twc.edu)



David Greene from the State Department's Office on Israel and Palestinian Affairs (center) with program participants.

COMMENTS FROM INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SEMINAR ALUMNI

Camp David III was the most mind-expanding and emotional learning experience in my entire education. Our negotiations were challenging and tugged at the hearts and minds of everyone involved, lessons we could never learn in a book.

Krystal Atha, University of Iowa, Camp David III '05

As an Egyptian-American, I really enjoyed playing Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. I learned how tough negotiating can be, and how important personalities can be. It was great watching other students dealing with issues like the Patriot Act that I care so much about.

Elijah Millar, Kean University, International Terrorism Seminar, '05

Camp David III gave me an inside look at how the Israeli-Palestinian peace process really works. As an Israeli, I really enjoyed playing President Bush and negotiating contentious issues such as Jerusalem, refugees, Israeli security, and Jewish settlements.

Yaniv Gafner, Rutgers University, Camp David '03

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

The International Conflicts & Negotiations Seminar is designed to give students the opportunity to gain and apply their academic knowledge about the conflicts in the Middle East, Africa and Cuba in a participatory setting. The seminar is taught as a course, with two weeks equivalent to 3 credit hours (or 1-2 credits for those participating for one week). Before arriving in Washington, students will be provided with academic, journal and newspaper articles to prepare them for the seminar and the negotiations. They will be evaluated based on attendance, participation in the meetings and negotiations, and the quality of their written assignments. The Faculty Director will recommend a grade to the student's campus sponsor, who will determine the number of credits the student will receive.



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Application

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Check One:

- Two weeks: May 14-28 (\$1,695)
- First week only: May 14-21 (\$1,295)
- Second Week only: May 21-28 (\$1,295)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 30, 2006

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name _____
First Middle Initial Last

- U.S. Citizen Other
 Permanent Resident

Institution _____

Gender F M Date of Birth Month / Day / Year Place of Birth _____

Current Address _____
Street City State/Zip

Current Phone () _____ Effective Until Month / Day / Year Social Security # _____
Area Code Number

Permanent Address _____
Street City State/Zip

Permanent Phone () _____ Personal E-mail _____
Area Code Number

Person whom TWC should contact in an emergency

Name _____ Relationship to Applicant _____
Last First

Emergency contact's phone (day) () _____ (night) () _____
Area Code Number Area Code Number

E-mail or fax (if available) _____
Please note any special conditions of which TWC should be aware in order for you to fully participate in our programs. Use a separate sheet if necessary.

HOUSING

Washington Center housing is available for students attending our academic seminars. The cost of the seminars is the same, regardless of whether or not you reside in our facilities. All Washington Center housing units are non-smoking.

I request The Washington Center reserve a space for me in its facilities.

Preferred Roommate _____
Name Institution

Please indicate any special needs or requirements _____

I do not plan to live in Washington Center housing. My residence during the seminar will be:

Address _____ Phone () _____
Street City State/Zip Area Code Number

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Status during program Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduated Graduate/Law Student Other

Your school's calendar Semester Quarter Trimester 4-1-4 Other

College or University Currently Attending _____
City State

Dates Attended Month / Day / Year to Month / Day / Year Major _____ G.P.A. _____ Expected Date of Grad. Month / Day / Year

Awarding credits for seminars is optional
 Number of credits you will receive for your seminar _____ Department(s) awarding credit _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

\$ ____ Application Fee (\$60). No application fee if you have attended a Washington Center program in the last 12 months.
\$ ____ Two Weeks (\$1,695)
\$ ____ Week One (\$1,295)
\$ ____ Week Two (\$1,295)
\$ ____ Subtract \$100 from seminar fee if you have been a Washington Center intern or will be during Calendar Year 2006
\$ _____ Total

Payment schedule: The \$60 application fee and full payment for the seminar are due by April 30, 2006.

Who will be paying for the seminar?

School Amount \$ _____ Form of Payment: check credit card
 Self Amount \$ _____ Form of Payment: check credit card
 Parents Amount \$ _____ Form of Payment: check credit card
 Other _____ Amount \$ _____ Form of Payment: check credit card

Name and Billing Address _____

For your convenience, TWC accepts the following credit cards Visa MC AmEx Disc

Cardholder's name _____ Card number _____ Exp. Date _____

AMOUNT TO BE CHARGED \$ _____ Cardholder Signature _____

CAMPUS LIAISON OR FACULTY SPONSOR

This section must be signed by a campus liaison or faculty sponsor if your campus does not have a Washington Center Liaison. I have reviewed this application and endorse this student's candidacy for the above selected seminar(s). I recognize that I am serving as campus liaison or faculty advisor for the duration of the seminar, and I will receive all evaluations for the student. If the school is responsible for any portion of the payment, the information in the financial information section is correct.

Name _____ Title _____

College or University _____ Department _____

Mailing Address _____

E-mail _____ Phone () _____ Fax () _____
Street City State/Zip

Signature of Campus Liaison or Faculty Advisor _____ Date _____

APPLICANT AGREEMENT

- All information is complete and accurate ■ Read the cancellation and refund policy
- Agree to abide by The Washington Center code of student conduct, including housing policies set by management of Washington Center housing facilities.

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

Checklist

1. Have you completed the entire application?
2. Have you made a copy for your records?
3. Has your liaison or faculty advisor signed the application?
4. Please be sure to notify The Washington Center of address changes. You will receive periodic updates.
5. Have you included your \$60 nonrefundable application fee?

If there is someone you would like to receive information about The Washington Center, please give us his or her name and contact information below:

Name _____ Title _____

Mailing Address _____

E-mail _____ Phone () _____ Fax () _____
Street City State/Zip

SEMINAR DATES AND FEES

Seminar	Check-in*	Program Starts	Program Ends	Check-out (by noon)	Cost**
Two Weeks	5/14/06	5/15/06	5/26/06	5/28/06	\$1,695
Week One Only	5/14/06	5/15/06	5/19/06	5/21/06	\$1,295
Week Two Only	5/21/06	5/22/06	5/26/06	5/28/06	\$1,295

** Costs include Program and Housing. They do not include the cost of transportation, food or personal expenses. Other fees include a nonrefundable application fee of \$60, which is applicable to all Washington Center programs within a twelve month period. Students who have been Washington Center Interns or have already applied for a 2006 term may deduct \$100 from the program fee. Please note that the participant is ultimately responsible for the payment of any outstanding debts regardless of who is billed.

STUDENT SERVICES: RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES

Detailed housing information is mailed approximately two to three weeks prior to Check-in, which is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the dates indicated. All fees must be paid prior to assignment of a room at Check-in. Washington Center interns for Summer 2006 who attend this seminar receive no-cost housing between the end of the seminar and the check-in date for the internship, although the room assignment may change.

Washington Center residential facilities are located in professional-style apartments in Northern Virginia, in close proximity to the Metro Blue and Orange Lines and convenient to downtown Washington, D.C. These facilities have a number of amenities, including Resident Assistants who are on duty in the evening. Room configurations may vary, but generally are two-bedroom, two-bath apartments for four people, with a few one-bedroom apartments for two or three persons. Further, The Washington Center reserves the right to place an extra bed, such as a rollaway, in an apartment or to use additional overflow housing for this seminar. All Washington Center housing units are non-smoking. Automobiles are strongly discouraged since parking is very limited. Permission must be granted in advance to secure a parking permit. Students may indicate a roommate preference on the application form. However, due to various apartment configurations, assignment cannot be guaranteed. The Washington Center reserves the right to make changes in its housing offerings.

ELIGIBILITY

College students in good standing at their home institution are eligible for the program. A Washington Center campus liaison or a faculty sponsor who agrees to receive a student's seminar evaluation must sign the application. Students are not required to receive credit, but the program is structured in a way that requires all students to fully participate and to complete all assignments, regardless of their credit arrangements.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Applications are due (postmarked) by April 30, 2006. **If the deadline has passed, call The Washington Center at (202) 336-7556 or e-mail andreab@twc.edu**

- To be processed and reviewed, your application must include:
- Completed application form (please make a copy for yourself and for your liaison)
 - Your signature
 - Signature of your campus liaison or faculty sponsor

Full payment is required by April 30, 2006.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

Students who submit a cancellation request in writing to the program director on or before April 15, 2006 receive a full refund of the cost of the program. The application fee of \$60 is nonrefundable. Those who notify the director in writing (postmarked or fax) after April 15, but before May 1, 2006 receive a full refund minus a \$250 cancellation fee. No refunds are granted after May 1, 2006.

The Washington Center is not responsible for any delayed arrivals or early departures that may result in missing portions of the seminar.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FACULTY PARTICIPATION

The Washington Center encourages faculty participation in our academic seminars. As an incentive, faculty who accompany at least ten students from their school for a seminar receive complimentary Washington Center housing. For more information, please contact Andrea Barron at (202) 336 7556 or e-mail andreab@twc.edu.

THE WASHINGTON CENTER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

In addition to our academic seminars, The Washington Center offers opportunities year-round for college students to intern in substantive, responsible positions in the nation's capital. The internship program, including various program and state initiatives that provide guaranteed financial assistance to over 80% of Washington Center students, serves over 1,500 students each year. Students attending The International Conflicts & Negotiations Seminar should consider following their interest by participating in a full-time internship with The Washington Center. For more information, see your campus liaison or visit our website at <http://www.twc.edu>, where you can register for e-mail updates.

The Washington Center prepares college and university students for civic leadership through experiential education.



First Secretary Samer Dabbas (center) with program participants at the the Jordanian Embassy.



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The Washington Center actively strives for equal access to its programs regardless of race, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, physical challenge, or veteran status. All Washington Center programs attempt to include a rich diversity of students in order to enhance the education experience of all participants.

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